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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: APER JA

SUBJ: C & R PERSONNEL

REF: STATE 101246

1. POST RECOGNIZES ADVANTAGES TO TELECOMM AND POST WHICH WILL ACCRUE FROM ESTABLISHMENT OF WASHINGTON/ TOKYO CR CIRCUIT. ALSO THAT CIRCUIT NOT EXPECTED TO ADD APPRECIABLY TO WORKLOAD OF C& R STAFF EXCEPT DURING PERIODS OF CIRCUIT OUTAGES. HOWEVER, BELIEVE IT NECESSARY TO INFORM DEPARTMENT THAT CURRENT TELEGRAPHIC WORKLOAD AND SHORT STAFFING FOR LAST FOUR MONTHS HAVE TAXED C& R STAFF TO MAXIMUM. SINCE DEPARTURE OF HELEN SPURRIER ON TDY TO SAIGON AT URGENT REQUEST OF DEPARTMENT, POST HAS BEEN REQUIRED INCREASE CONSIDERABLY HOURS OF OVERTIME PER WEEK WHICH DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO FURNISHING TDY. ACCORDINGLY, IT HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO GRANT LEAVES OR TIME OFF EXCEPT FOR MOST IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS SUCH AS MEDICAL, THUS CAUSING MUCH PERSONAL INCONVENIENCE TO REMAINING COMMUNICATORS.

2. NEW REQUIREMENT CONTAINED REFTEL APPEARS TO BE LAST STRAW, WHICH CANNOT BE TOLERATED WITHOUT SOME RELIEF. THEREFORE, POST REQUESTS MRS SPURRIER BE RETURNED FROM TDY BY JULY 1. ALTERNATIVELY, A NEW POSITION COULD BE AUTHORIZED AND FILLED; OR A TDY COULD BE PROVIDED UNTIL

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MRS SPURRIER'S RETURN. WHICHEVER SOLUTION IS ADOPTED, INDIVIDUAL SHOULD ARRIVE AND BE READY FOR PRODUCTIVE WORK IN TOKYO BY JULY 1.

3. POST HAS BEEN TRYING TO AVOID REQUESTING ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL POSITION IN RECOGNITION OF WELL KNOWN SHORTAGE. THEREFORE, ASSUMING C& R STAFF IS RETURNED TO AUTHORIZED LEVEL, POST WILL DEFER POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION FOR ADDITIONAL POSITION UNTIL IMPACT OF NEW CIRCUIT CAN BE FULLY ASSESSED. IT IS CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT PRESENT WORKLOAD AND MANNING WILL NOT MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO AGAIN PROVIDE LONG TERM TDY ASSISTANCE. IF DEPT WISHES TO DRAW ON TOKYO FOR THIS PURPOSE, AN ADDITIONAL POSITION IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

4. DEPT SHOULD NOTE THAT BRINGING C& R STAFF BACK TO AUTHORIZED STRENGTH WILL REDUCE TOTAL NUMBER OF TDYS REQUIRED FOR CABINET MINISTERS MEETING ON JULY 16/17 WHICH SECRETARY IS PLANNING TO ATTEND.  
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